

## ABSTRACT

Novel compounds which selectively bind to the  $\delta$ -opioid receptor have been  
5 designed. These compounds have greater selectivity, improved water (blood) solubility,  
and enhanced therapeutic value as analgesics. Because agonists with selectivity for the  $\delta$ -  
opioid receptor have shown promise in providing enhanced analgesia without the  
addictive properties, the compounds of the present invention are better than morphine,  
naltrindole (NTI), spiroindanyloxymorphone (SIOM), and other known  $\mu$ -opioid receptor  
10 selectors as analgesics.